# VETERANS SERVICES INFORMATION PROVIDED TO VETERANS WHO RECEIVE DRIVER'S LICENSES AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES

#### **CHAPTER 479**

S.B. No. 1308

#### AN ACT

relating to veterans services information provided to veterans who receive driver's licenses and personal identification certificates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.011. SERVICES INFORMATION FOR VETERANS. The department and the Texas Veterans Commission shall jointly develop for veterans who receive a driver's license or personal identification certificate with a veteran's designation a one-page informational paper about veterans services provided by this state.

SECTION 2. Section 521.102, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The department shall provide to the recipient of a personal identification certificate with a veteran's designation the informational paper described by Section 521.011 at the time the certificate is issued.

SECTION 3. Section 521.1235, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The department shall provide to the recipient of a driver's license with a veteran's designation the informational paper described by Section 521.011 at the time the license is issued.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 23, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2015: Yeas 136, Nays 5, two present not voting.

Approved June 15, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING UNCLAIMED MINERAL PROCEEDS TO THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

## **CHAPTER 480**

S.B. No. 1589

### AN ACT

relating to requirements for reporting unclaimed mineral proceeds to the comptroller of public accounts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 74.101, Property Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

- (e) A holder of mineral proceeds under Chapter 75 that is regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas under Chapter 91, Natural Resources Code, shall include in the property report for the proceeds, in addition to the information listed in Subsection (c), the following information with respect to each well the production from which resulted in the proceeds:
  - (1) the lease, property, or well name;

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- (2) any lease, property, or well identification number used to identify the lease, property, or well; and
  - (3) the county in which the lease, property, or well is located.
- SECTION 2. The heading to Section 74.104, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:
  - Sec. 74.104. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROPERTY REPORT; EXCEPTIONS.
- SECTION 3. Section 74.104, Property Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:
- (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) and Section 74.201, 74.203, or 74.307, a property report filed with the comptroller under Section 74.101 is confidential until the second anniversary of the date the report is filed.
- (c) The information reported under Section 74.101(e) is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.
- (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), the comptroller may release the information about a well reported under Section 74.101(e) to a claimant of mineral proceeds from the well if the claim is approved by the comptroller under Section 74.501.
- (e) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), the information compiled under Section 74.307(a)(2) is subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.
  - SECTION 4. Section 74.307, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 74.307. LIST OF OWNERS; OTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION. (a) The comptroller shall compile and revise each year:
  - (1) [5] except as to amounts reported in the aggregate, an alphabetical list of the names and last known addresses of the owners listed in the reports and the amount credited to each account; and
    - (2) an alphabetical list by county of:
    - (A) the number of reports filed under Section 74.101 for mineral proceeds attributable to all wells located in each respective county; and
    - (B) the aggregate amount of mineral proceeds reported under Section 74.101 attributable to all wells, if any, located in each respective county.
- (b) The comptroller shall make the *lists* [<del>list</del>] available for public inspection during all reasonable business hours.
- SECTION 5. Section 74.101(e), Property Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a report filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A report filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.
  - SECTION 6. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.
  - Passed the Senate on April 16, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House on May 22, 2015: Yeas 139, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Effective January 1, 2016.

# TRANSPARENT AND EQUITABLE APPLICATION OF AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES

### **CHAPTER 481**

S.B. No. 1760

#### AN ACT

relating to the transparent and equitable application of ad valorem tax procedures.